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More Monthly Newsletter

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A Message From Our Agency Director

When our state was forced into a shutdown because of the COVID pandemic, South Carolina's public libraries' work did not stop. Libraries quickly transitioned to meet the immediate and emerging needs of their communities. I am dedicating this space to their creative, thoughtful work.

Libraries are part of the vital social infrastructure of a community. They are the place where people in crisis go to get support. Libraries provide access to information and resources from the mundane to life or death. [Read more...](#)



Leesa M. Aiken
Director, South Carolina State Library

UPCOMING
events

Big Programs, Little Budget:
Forging Community Partnerships
in a Small Town | 02/10/2021

Best Children's Books of 2020 |
02/17/2021

Don't let a small budget keep you from

Get to know some of the most loved

hosting big programs. Learn ways to build partnerships and save money so that your library thrives as the “hub” of the community.

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children’s books published in 2020 and gain storytime and programming ideas that tie in with key titles.

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Difficult Conversations Online: How to Teach Civility in an Uncivil Environment | 02/24/2021

Learn ways to deter rude virtual behavior by creating a “Netiquette” guide that incorporates the basics of digital etiquette, including proper responses to handle online disruptions.

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Virtual Youth Services Exchange | 02/25/2021

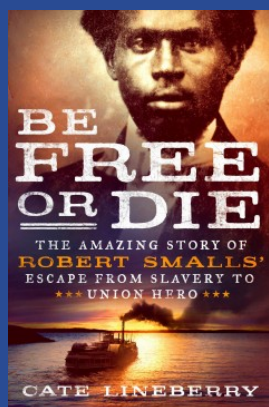
Join us for a virtual exchange of ideas on topics of interest to library staff serving children ages 0-18 and their families.

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Play in the Dirt

You hear us talk about saving food scraps for compost during our SC Read Eat Grow food demonstrations. Now, learn the dirty deals of composting from the experts. On February 9, Amanda Edwards and Adah Gorton from [Don't Waste Food SC](#) host a webinar to teach you about the importance of healthy soil and demonstrate how to make your own compost. Get your hands dirty and [register to tune in](#).



Celebrate Black History
Month

**Library
Voices SC**



Audible History Lessons

We invite you to get to know our [**Black History Resources subject guide**](#), home to various information about African American history in South Carolina. The guide introduces you to our collection of books about slavery, civil rights, notable South Carolinians, and even the Gullah culture. The [**Historical Black Newspaper Collection**](#) is one of our newest resources and includes primary source material from nine newspapers covering African-American history, culture, politics, and the arts. The guide also contains links to state and national African American heritage organizations.

If you're looking for primary resources for Black History Month, look no further! The South Carolina State Library's LibraryVoicesSC podcast has a [**curated list of podcast episodes**](#) just for you. Listen to authors, community members, researchers, and more discuss essential topics related to African American history and culture and discover more today.

Reserve Your Spot



[Register before the February 26 deadline](#) for the free emergency preparedness training we offer to cultural heritage organizations, county government departments, and offices involved with emergency management and public safety. From March 2021 to June 2021, The [**Northeast Document Conservation Center**](#) (NEDCC) will help participants create an emergency preparedness plan while working with other organizations from their area. Seats are limited to 33 registrants per region. This course is sponsored by the South Carolina State Library and funded by the [**Institute of Museum and Library Services**](#).

Librarians at Your Service

Need more one-on-one research time with a librarian? [**Schedule an online appointment**](#), and we will be happy to meet with you virtually for all your reference needs. It's simple! Just [**visit the appointment page**](#) and select your day and time, and a librarian will meet you online. Available hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be made one hour in advance. [**Email us**](#) if you are unable to find a time that works for you.





Deadline Approaching

There are about two weeks left for students to enter the [Young Minds Dreaming Poetry Contest](#). Inspiration is this year's prompt as our guest author Pat Mora challenges students in grades three through twelve to think about what inspires them and share it through poetry. We welcome entries in English, bilingual Spanish-English, or transcribed from those who have a visual disability. This spring, Pat Mora will join us for a celebration of the 2020 and 2021 winners. [Submit your entry electronically](#) by February 15, 2021.



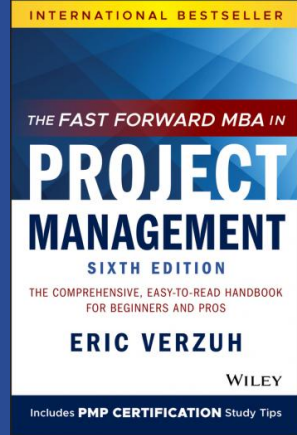
Twice as Nice

We are excited to bring you two virtual author talks this month. [On February 11](#), Marjy Marj will share her new book *Same Elephants*, a follow-up to *The Shimmigrant*. The novel traces four friends from diverse backgrounds on their quest to educate the community about the dangers of stereotyping. Then, [on February 18](#), we talk with Dr. Walter Curry about his book, *The Thompson Family: Untold Stories of the Past (1830-1960)*. The book is the 2019 International African American Historical and Genealogical Society Book Award, Winner. It chronicles the history of an African American family from Salley, South Carolina. Both events are free to attend —[register to receive the log-in information](#).



Are You Accessible?

We teamed up with [Able South Carolina](#) to help public libraries become accessible online. All South Carolina public libraries may apply to receive a free website accessibility assessment. We will choose four recipients based on the project application's completeness, demonstrated need, and project readiness. These libraries will receive a comprehensive report that identifies problem areas and offers corrective solutions. A subsequent virtual training highlighting ways to make websites, social media, and virtual services more inclusive will be open to all South Carolina libraries. Applications and additional information [are available online](#). The application deadline is April 1, 2021.



From Our Collection

This month's feature [from our collection](#) comes from the O'Reilly Online Learning database; it brings eBooks, videos, learning paths, and case studies right to your computer or mobile device. *The Fast Forward MBA in Project Management: The Comprehensive, Easy to Read Handbook for Beginners and Pros*, 6th Edition by Eric Verzuh is a comprehensive guide to real-world project management methods, tools, and techniques. It delivers cutting-edge ideas in short, manageable segments that address common management issues. Use your [State Library card](#) to access this, and thousands of other titles, today.



Craft Creative Celebrations

Are you looking for innovative ways to celebrate Día? [Register to join us](#) for this interactive workshop that showcases artistic, marketing, and community outreach strategies to promote El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día. We will also explore and implement dual-language techniques to assist bilingual audiences during storytime programs.



Discus

Using and Sharing Tutor.com - Overview for Public Libraries | 02/09/2021

This quick webinar will walk you through the Tutor.com service provided for all South Carolina residents, as well as offer a forum for questions.

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